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1. SUMMARY. DEVELOPMENTS ON CYPRUS ARE FOCUS OF REPORTING AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IN WEEKEND AND MONDAY PRESS. MOST PAPERS CONTINUE TO ACCUSE U.S. OF ENGINEERING CRISIS. END SUMMARY.

2. LEADING INDEPENDENT ARABIC AN-NAHAR IS ONE OF FEW PAPERS TO QUESTION INSTEAD OF ACCUSE: "ARE WE WITNESSING ANOTHER BALKAN WAR? WILL WORLD BE ABLE, THROUGH U.N., TO FIND NEW FORMULA WHICH WILL GUARANTEE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF ALL, ESTABLISH STABILITY ON CYPRUS, AND STRENGTHEN WORLD PEACE?"

3. INDEPENDENT AL-BAYRAQ COMMENTS PASSIMISTICALLY ON SISCO MISSION: "NOTHING INDICATES THAT SISCO'S MISSION WILL SUCCEED. IT APPEARS HE CAME TO AREA TO SHUT DOOR IN FACE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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CRISIS BUT FORGOT TO GET KEYS FROM MOSCOW."

4. LEADING LEFTIST PRO-FEDAYEEN AL-MUHARRIR CLAIMS: U.S. WELCOMES PARTITION OF CYPRUS IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH LARGE MILITARY BASE IN GREEK AREA FOR USE IN MIDDLE EAST STRUGGLE."

5. PRO-SOVIET PRO-EGYPTIAN ASH-SHA'B CLAIMS: "ENTIRE WORLD STANDS BY MAKARIOS EXCEPT AMERICA, BECAUSE AMERICA CAN'T SIDE WITH JUSTICE. AMERICA HAS PROVED THAT CYPRUS PLOT WAS PREPARED WITH ITS KNOWLEDGE, UNDER ITS FLAG, AND ON ITS OWN INSTRUCTIONS."

6. PRO-LIBYAN AS-SAFIR CLAIMS: "IT IS OBVIOUS WASHINGTON SUPPORTS COUP. THIS HAS LED CYPRIOTS DEMONSTRATING IN SUPPORT OF MAKARIOS IN NEW YORK TO CONDEMN C.I.A. AMERICAN PLAN IS TO TURN CYPRUS INTO NATO BASE FROM WHICH TO WATCH ARAB MOVES, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT AMERICAN SETTLEMENT IS WELL ON ITS WAY TO BEING IMPLEMENTED. WE SHOULD THEREFORE EXPECT AMERICAN EFFORTS FOR DISENGAGEMENT IN CYPRUS TO BE FIRST STEP TOWARD CREATION OF KIND OF PEACE SIMILAR TO WHAT AMERICAN IMPERIALISM IS TRYING TO CREATE IN ARAB EAST."

7. PRO-SYRIAN ASH-SHARQ, CRITICIZING AMBASSADOR SCALI'S STAND IN SECURITY COUNCIL, WRITES: "AMERICA HAS BROUGHT WORLD TO BRINK OF THIRD WORLD WAR FOR PURPOSE OF TURNING CYPRUS INTO AMERICAN-ISRAELI BASE."

8. PRO-MOSCOW COMMUNIST PARTY ORGAN AN-NIDA' BANNERS "GREEK-AMERICAN-NATO PLOT ON CYPRUS LEADS TO GREAT EXPLOSION" AND COMMENTS: "NO ONE SHOULD SUPPORT PARTITION OF CYPRUS DEMANDED BY PLOTTING FORCES IN WASHINGTON, NATO, AND ATHENS. ONLY SOLUTION IS RETURN OF LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT."
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